

REMARKS

Claims 2-12 are pending. Claims 3, 4, and 10 have been amended to correct improper multiple dependency. Claim 7 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter in previously presented claim 8. Claim 8 has been cancelled. No new matter has been introduced. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 2-7 and 9-12 will be pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 5, 2/5, 6, and 9 are allowable and that claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended claim 7 to include all the limitations of previously presented claim 8 and canceled claim 8. As such, claim 7 and its dependent claims 2/7 and 12 are allowable.

Claim Objections

Claims 3, 4, 10, and 11 have been objected to as being in improper form because a multiple dependent claim cannot depend on another multiple-dependent claim. Applicants have amended claims 3, 4, and 10 to delete their dependency from claim 2, a multiple-dependent claim. Withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7, 2/7, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,518,817, in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,037,700, and in view of Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry. Applicants traverse the rejections. However, to advance prosecution, Applicants have amended claim 7 to include all the limitations of previously presented claim 8.

As stated above, claims 7, 2/7, and 12, as amended, are now allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative to discuss any issue that would expedite allowance of the subject application.

In the event the filing of this paper is deemed not timely, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the petition fee and/or any additional fees that may be required in connection with the filing of this paper or to credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon LLP's Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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